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PRINCESS LEIA

Part IV

Following the destruction of her home planet of Alderaan, PRINCESS LEIA ORGANA has set out across the galaxy in search of survivors. Leia and her crew, the pilot EVAAN and the faithful astromech R2-D2, have scored their second victory, saving the lives of Alderaanians from Sullust.

Now fully aware that their ship, the *Lord Jinn*, is harboring an Imperial spy, Leia enlists the help of her new team's surveillance equipment to root out the traitor.

In space, Evaan meets with Sullustan smuggler Nien Nunb, responsible for leading the Alderaanian survivors off of Sullust under the watch of the Empire. With the Empire gaining ground, it's only a matter of time before they come face-to-face with Her Highness....

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The Mellcrawler. Docked with the Lord Junn.

NIEN
NUNB!

HOW
ARE
YOU?

NOT MUCH.
CHANGING TIRES
FOR THE REBELS,
FERRYING HER HIGHNESS
AROUND. STILL MAKING
THE HUSH-HUSH
DELIVERIES?

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WHOA.
WHO'S BUYING
THESE?

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ආහු ආහු



LONG
AS IT ISN'T
THE EMPIRE,
RIGHT?

THESE
ARE NICE.

GHAH, WHAT
AM I DOING?
GETTING SUCKED
INTO YOUR
ORBIT, AS
USUAL.



COME ON.
I'M HERE TO
FETCH YOU. THE
PRINCESS IS
EAGER TO
GREET YOU--



"--AND TO SEE ALL THESE WONDERFUL TOYS YOU'VE BROUGHT."

OH, MY.

THESE WILL DO QUITE WELL FOR WHAT I HAVE PLANNED.



NIEN NUNB, WITH STEALTH AND COURAGE YOU LED THE ALDERAANIAN SURVIVORS OFF SULLUST AT GREAT RISK OF IMPERIAL INTERCEPTION. THANKS TO YOU, WE ARE NOW IN COMMAND OF A SMALL FLEET.

WERE THESE NOT LEAN DAYS FOR THE THRONE, A PRECIOUS MEDAL WOULD HAVE BEEN STRUCK IN YOUR HONOR. AS IT STANDS...

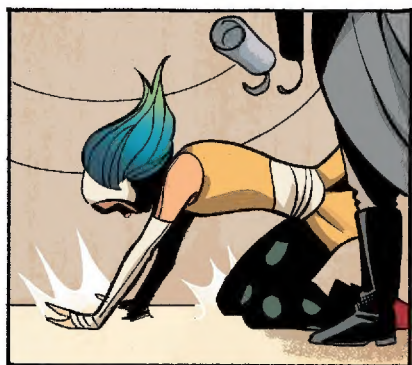
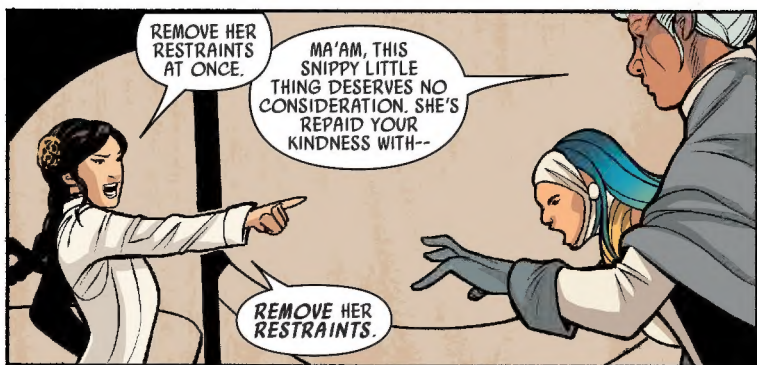
...I AM PLEASED TO AWARD YOU THE CHALCEDONY WAVES FROM MY LATE MOTHER.

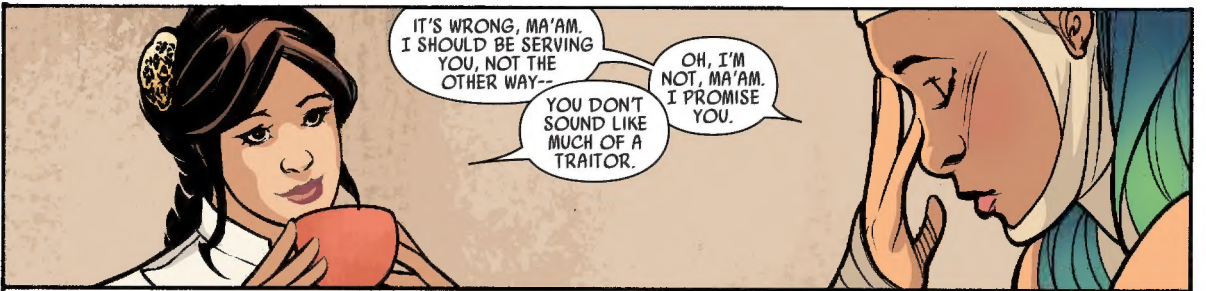
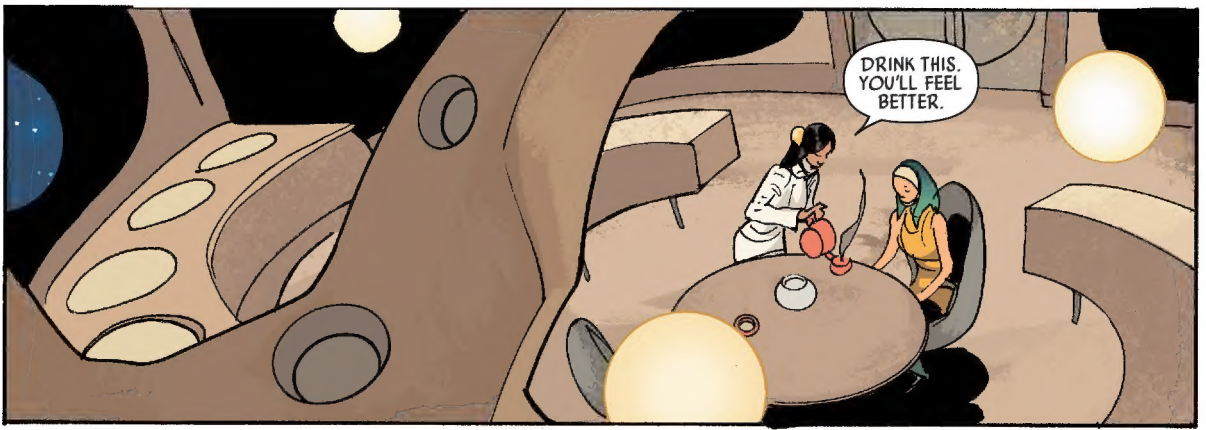
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PLEASE, SIR, DO US ALL THE HONOR OF ACCEPTING THIS AWARD YOU SO DESERVE.

WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS TO ME?









TACE, I
SWEAR TO YOU, NO
INNOCENT PERSON
WILL COME TO
HARM IF YOU--

TULA.

WHO?



TULA, MY
SISTER.

OH? AND
WHERE IS
SHE?

NOT
EXACTLY SURE,
MA'AM. I CAN
NEVER GET HER TO
TALK ABOUT
HERSELF.



WHAT **DO**
YOU TALK
ABOUT?

ME. MY
MUSIC. WHAT
IT'S LIKE ON
THE SHIP.

AND SHE
LOVES TO KNOW
ABOUT **YOU**, MA'AM.
WHAT PLANET YOU'RE
GOING TO, WHAT
ADVENTURE YOU'RE
HAVING.



TACE,
THOSE CALLS
ORIGINATED FROM
AN IMPERIAL
BASE.

THEY
COULDN'T
HAVE!

THE EMPIRE
ATTACKED US
ON SULLUST. THEY
KNEW WE WERE
THERE.



COULD SHE BE AN
IMPOSTER? SOMEONE
POSING AS YOUR
SISTER?

I WOULD
KNOW.

THEN
PERHAPS TULA'S
DOING THIS
UNDER DURESS,
AS THEIR
PRISONER.

I WOULD
KNOW, MA'AM.
SHE WOULDN'T
HAVE TO TELL ME.
WE HAVE A...
CONNECTION.



HOW
I ENVY
YOU.

IT MUST BE
MARVELOUS
TO HAVE A
SIBLING.



I BELIEVE
TACE. SHE'S
INNOCENT.

MA'AM,
YOU'RE MAKING
A GRAVE--

I LISTENED
TO HER, JORA.
YOU DIDN'T.

NOW, THE
MYSTERY IS THIS
SISTER OF HERS. I'M
MAKING IT MY TOP
PRIORITY TO DRAW
HER OUT.

MA'AM, WHAT
ABOUT ESPIRION?
WE HAVE THE
REUNIFICATION
TALKS.



I FINALLY
GET YOU TO PLAN A
MISSION IN ADVANCE AND
NOW YOU'RE GOING
TO CANCEL.

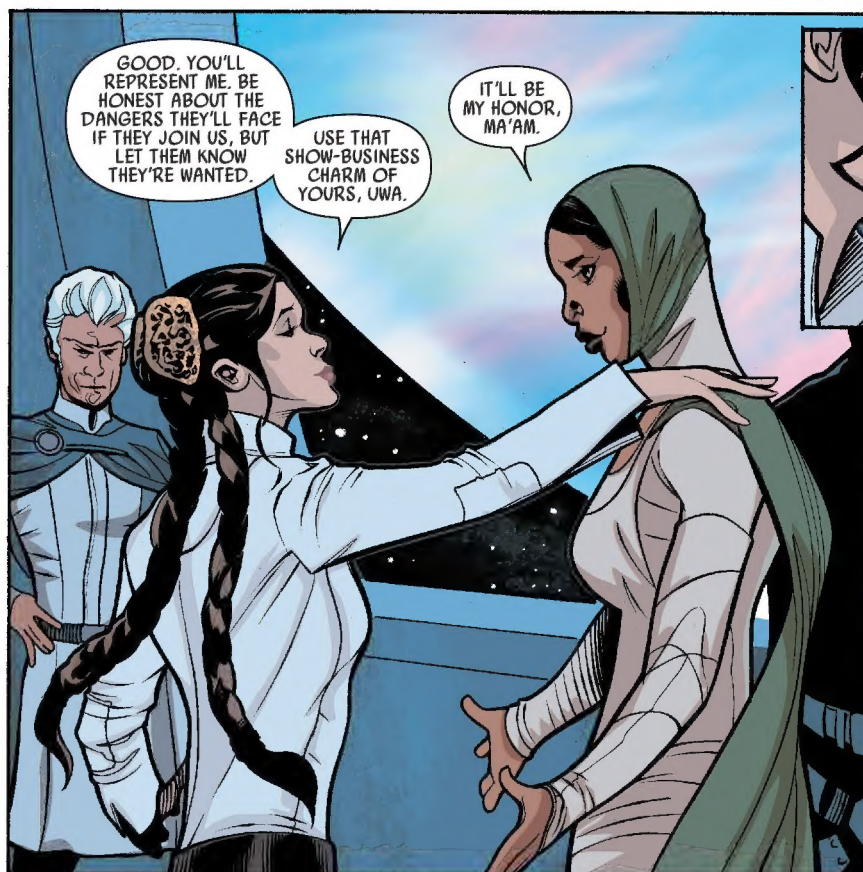
OF
COURSE I'M
NOT, EVAAN.

UWA, WHAT
DO YOU
KNOW ABOUT
ESPIRION?



HEAVILY
MILITARIZED, MA'AM,
BUT OPEN TO REFUGEES
AND WANDERERS--TO THE
POINT OF ENGINEERING
MICRO-ECOLOGIES TO
SUPPORT DIVERSE
LIFE FORMS.

ALDERAANIANS
HAVE BEEN THERE
FOR GENERATIONS.
NOT MUCH CONTACT
WITH THE
HOMEWORLD.



GOOD. YOU'LL
REPRESENT ME. BE
HONEST ABOUT THE
DANGERS THEY'LL FACE
IF THEY JOIN US, BUT
LET THEM KNOW
THEY'RE WANTED.

USE THAT
SHOW-BUSINESS
CHARM OF
YOURS, UWA.

IT'LL BE
MY HONOR,
MA'AM.



JORA, YOU'LL
ACT AS UWA'S
CO-EMISSARY.

MA'AM.



WHAT.

KNOCK
KNOCK



TACE.

YOUR--
YOUR
HIGHNESS.

DON'T
GET UP.



TACE, YOU MUSTN'T
WORRY. I'M GOING TO
DO EVERYTHING I CAN
TO REUNITE YOU WITH
YOUR SISTER.

HOW,
MA'AM? IF
TULA'S THEIR
PRISONER--

I WAS
ONCE THE
EMPIRE'S PRISONER.
LOOK AT ME
NOW.



WHEN TULA
CALLS TONIGHT,
I WANT YOU TO ACT
NATURALLY. WE'LL
TALK ABOUT WHAT
YOU SHOULD
SAY.

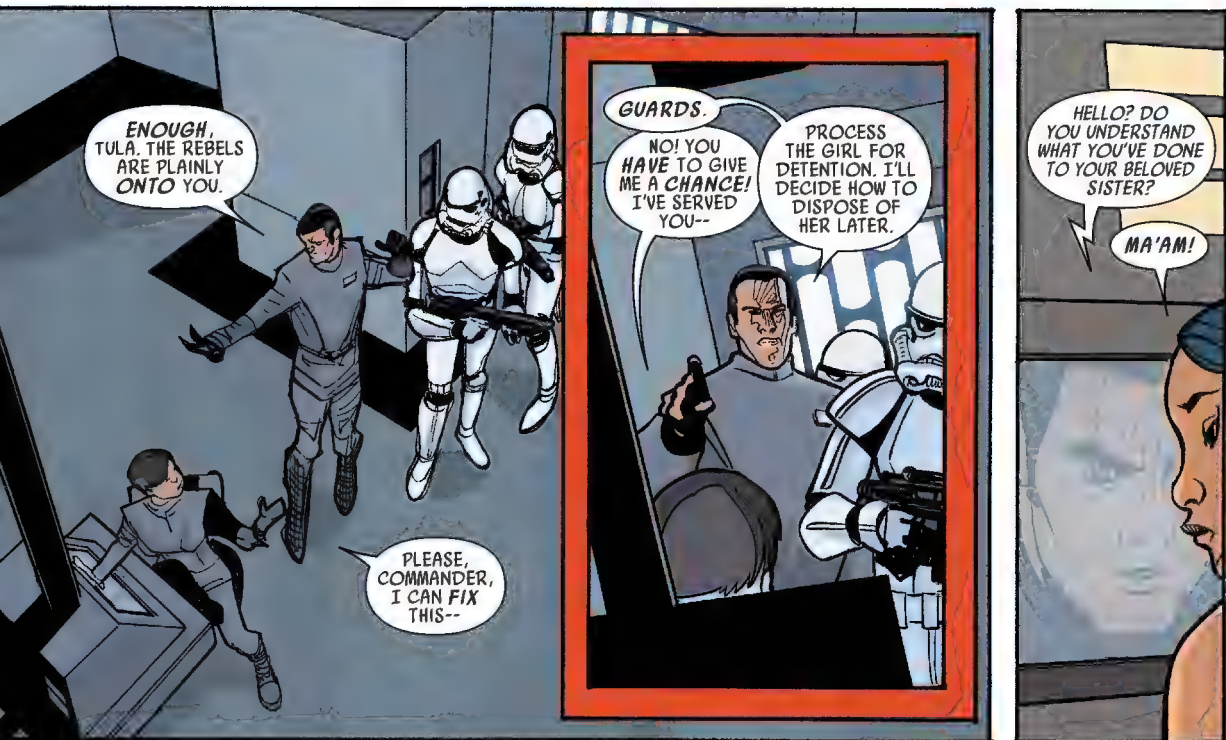
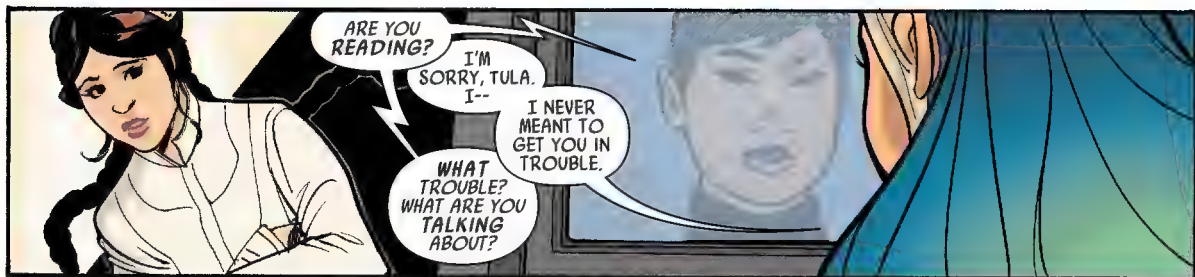
DO YOU
THINK YOU
CAN DO THAT,
TACE?

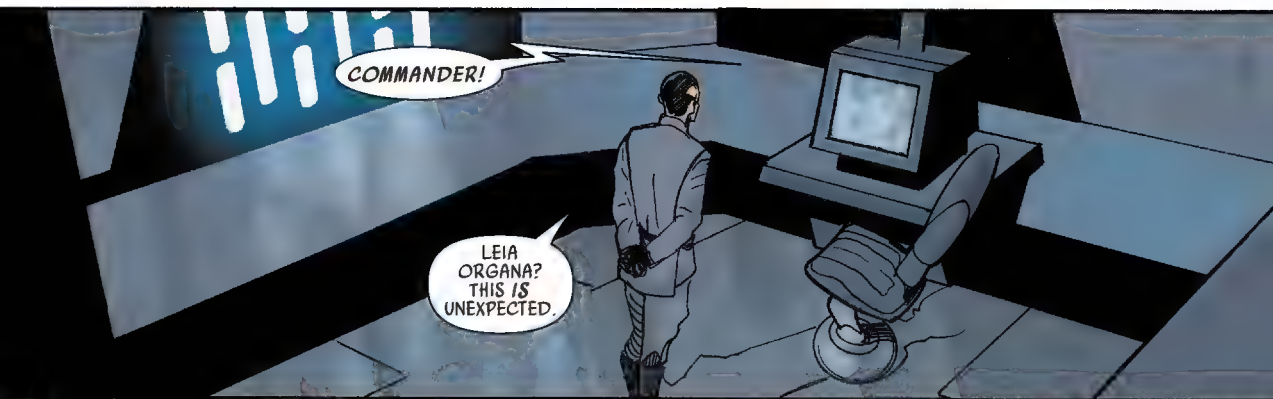


LIE
TO MY
SISTER?









COMMANDER!

LEIA
ORGANA?
THIS IS
UNEXPECTED.



COMMANDER,
I WISH TO
DISCUSS AN
EXCHANGE.

YOU WANT
TULA? FOR WHAT,
A TANK OF FUEL?
SHE ISN'T WORTH
YOUR TIME
OR MINE.

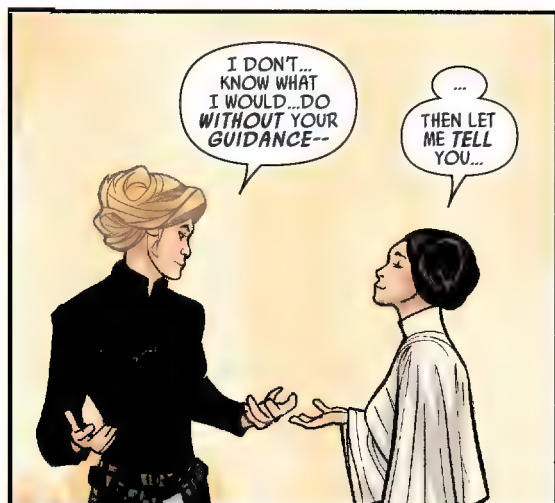
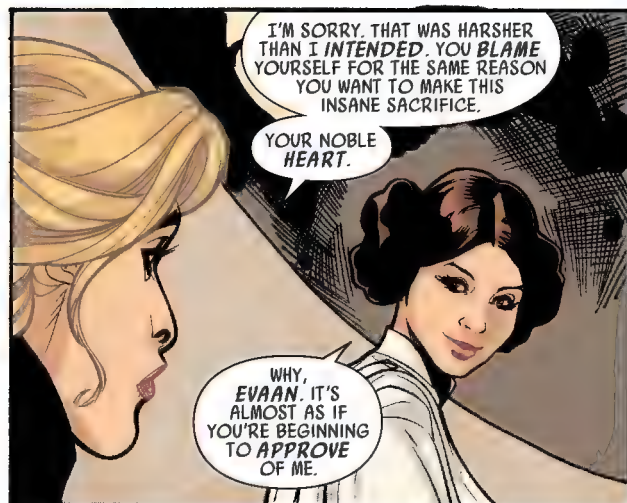
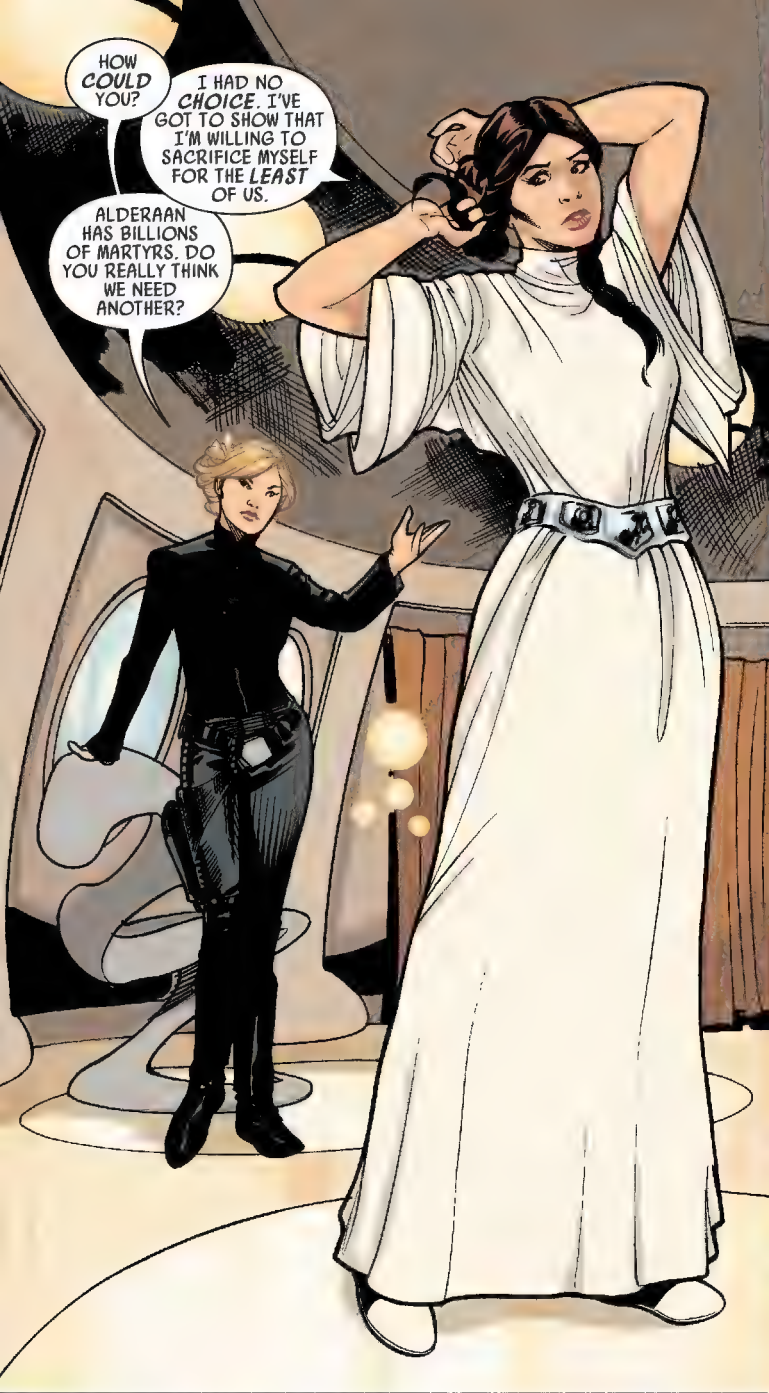


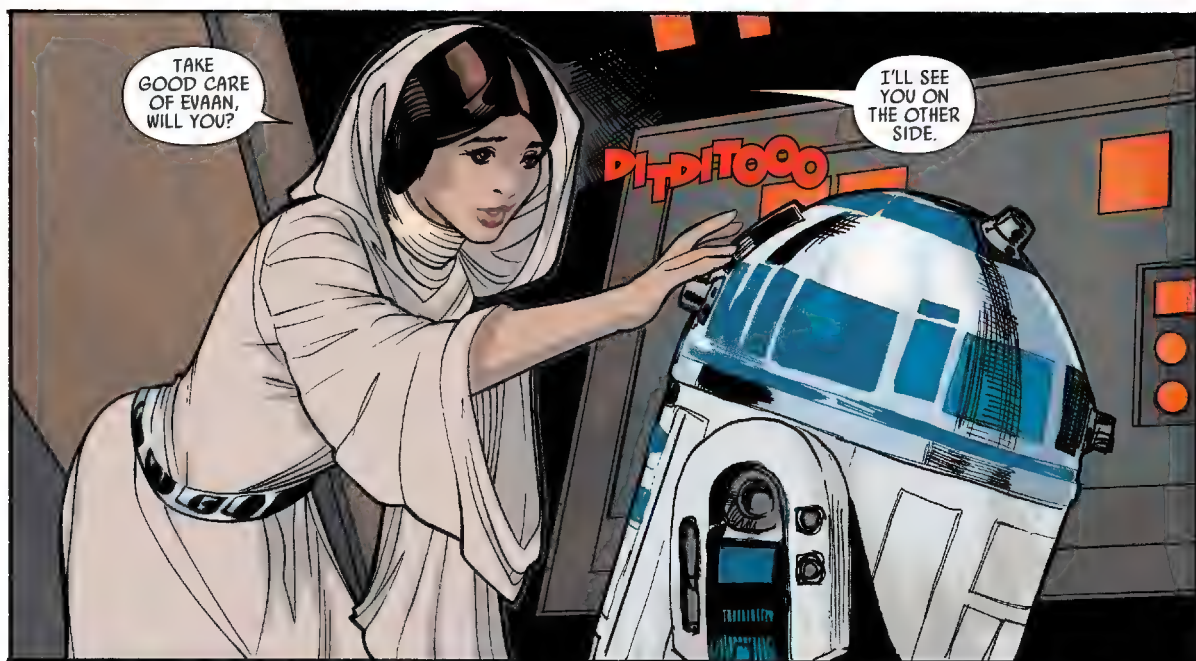
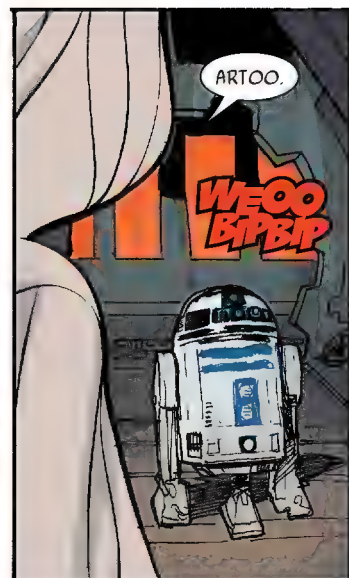
WHAT DO
YOU WANT,
COMMANDER?
NAME YOUR
PRICE.

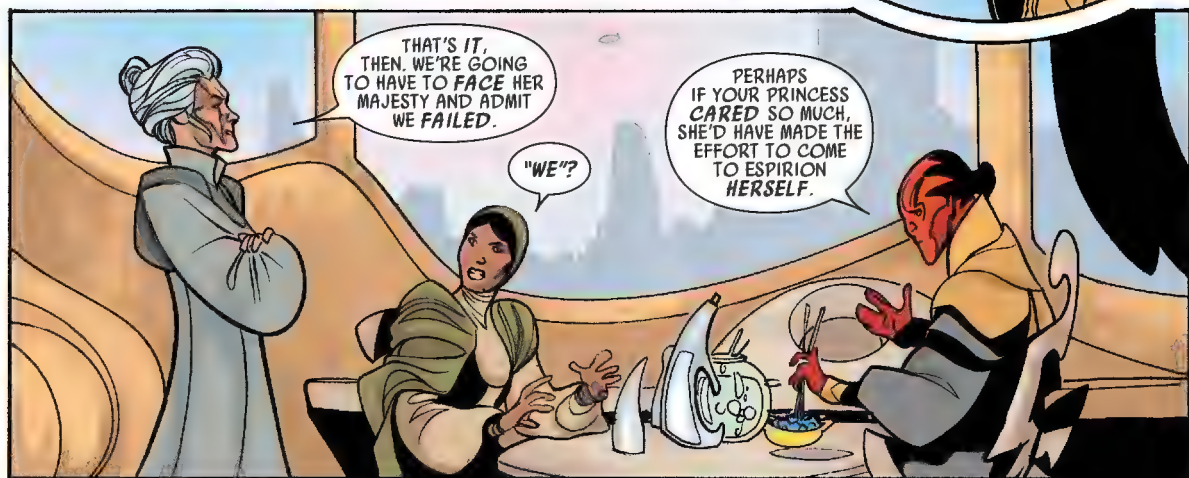
WELL, IN
THAT CASE, I
SUPPOSE...

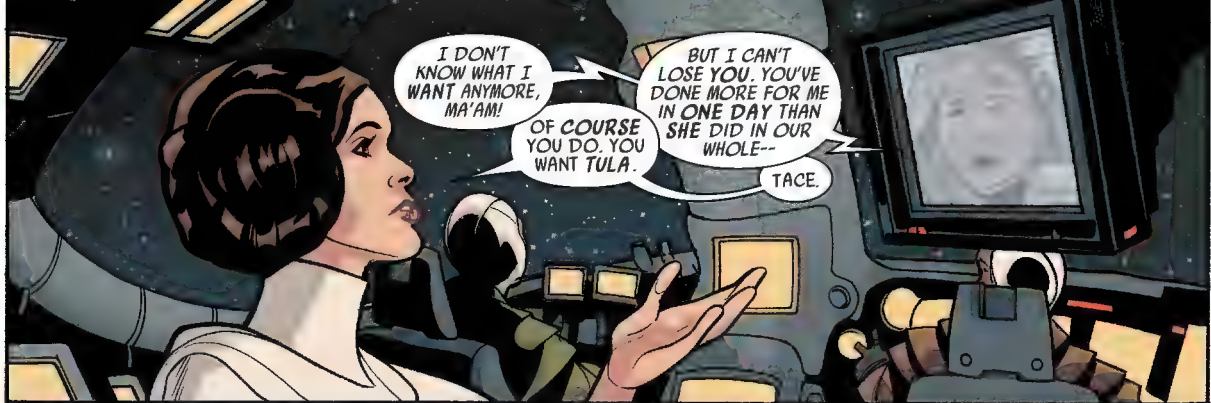


...YOU
WOULD
DO.







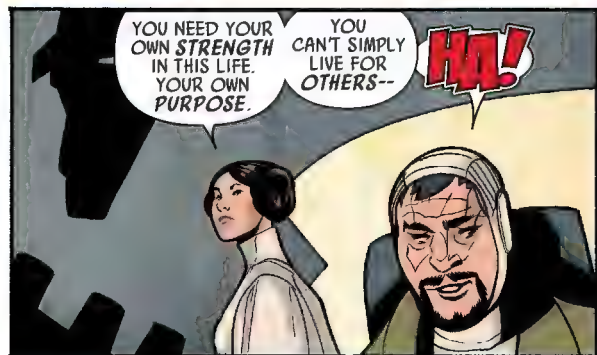


I DON'T
KNOW WHAT I
WANT ANYMORE,
MA'AM!

OF COURSE
YOU DO. YOU
WANT TULA.

BUT I CAN'T
LOSE YOU. YOU'VE
DONE MORE FOR ME
IN ONE DAY THAN
SHE DID IN OUR
WHOLE--

TACE.



YOU NEED YOUR
OWN **STRENGTH**
IN THIS LIFE.
YOUR OWN
PURPOSE.

YOU
CAN'T SIMPLY
LIVE FOR
OTHERS--

HA!



SORRY,
MA'AM.



**BWEE BWEE
BWEE**

MR. COVIS,
WHAT'S THAT
RACKET?

SENSORS,
MA'AM.

AND
WHAT ARE THEY
SENSING?



OUR
DATE,
MA'AM.

LEIA ORGANA. I WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE TO KNOW THE REASON THIS YOUNG WOMAN IS SO IMPORTANT.

EVERY ALDERAANIAN IS, COMMANDER DREED.

RUBBISH.

WE SAW YOUR DESTROYER IN ORBIT. CAN YOU GUARANTEE THAT TULA AND MY PEOPLE WILL BE ALLOWED TO PASS SAFELY?

THAT SHIP IS ONLY HERE TO ENSURE YOU DIDN'T BRING REINFORCEMENTS. AS YOU CAME ALONE, WE WILL HONOR THE BARGAIN.

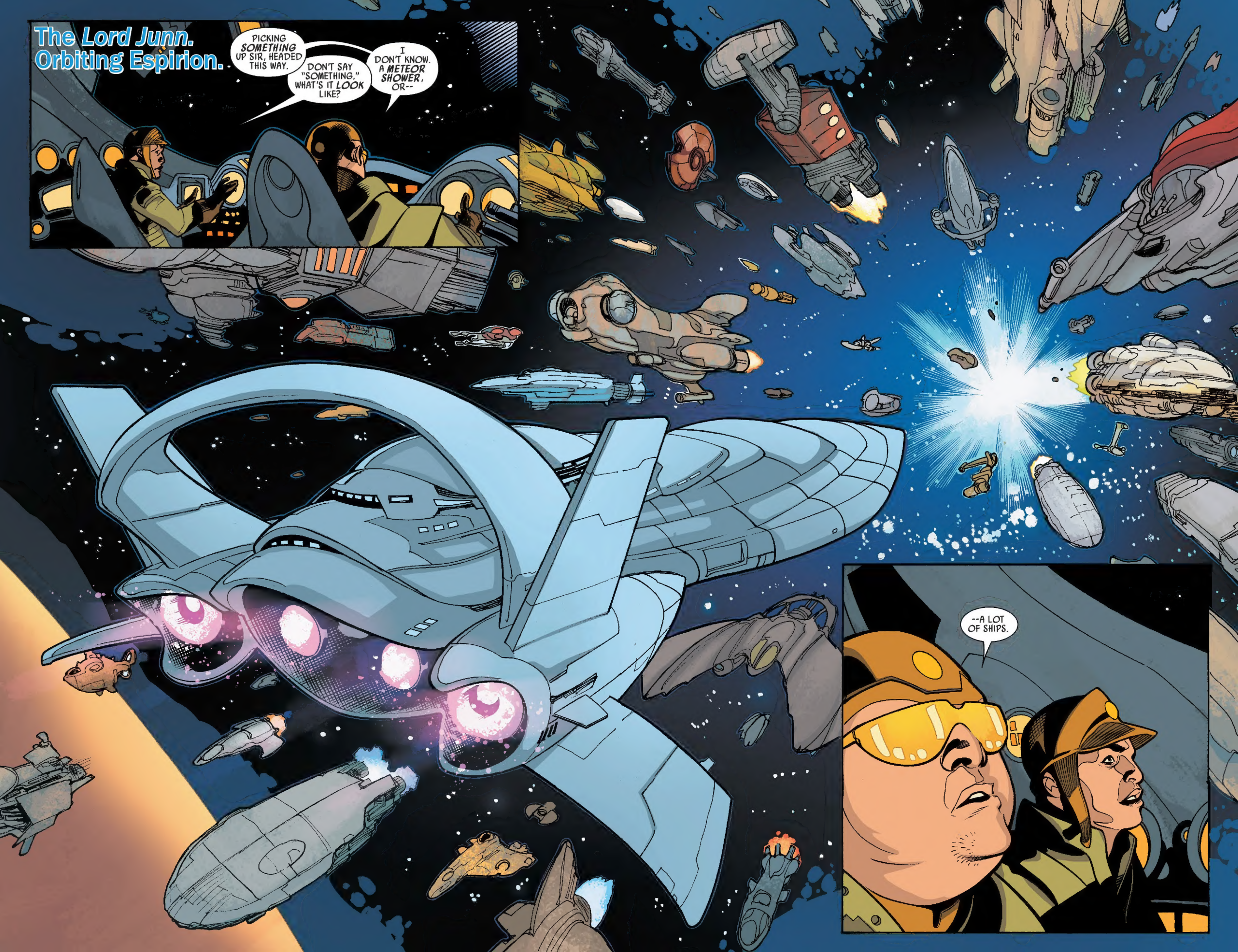
HOW DO WE KNOW THAT?

The Lord Junn. Orbiting Espirion.

PICKING
SOMETHING
UP SIR, HEADED
THIS WAY.

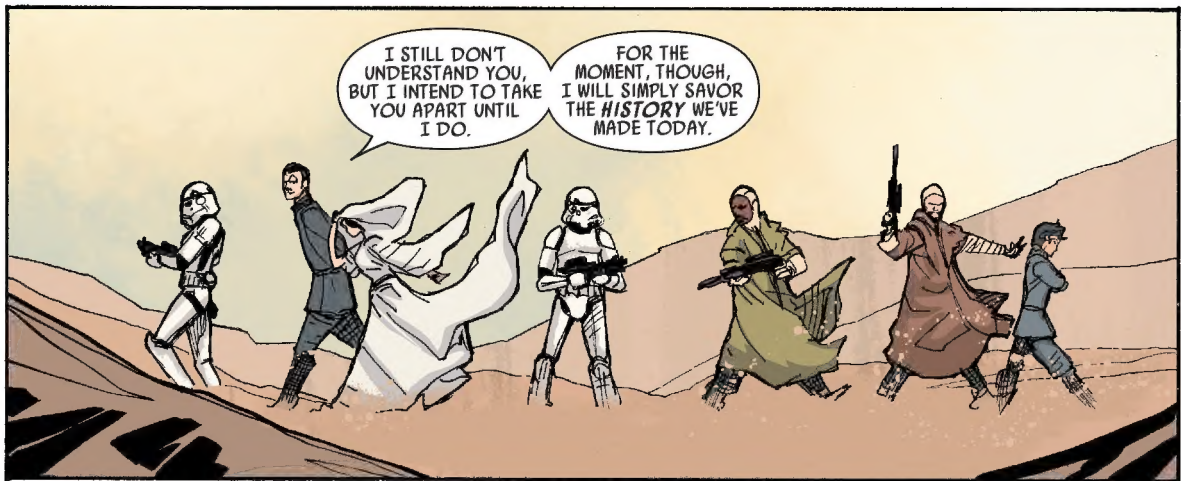
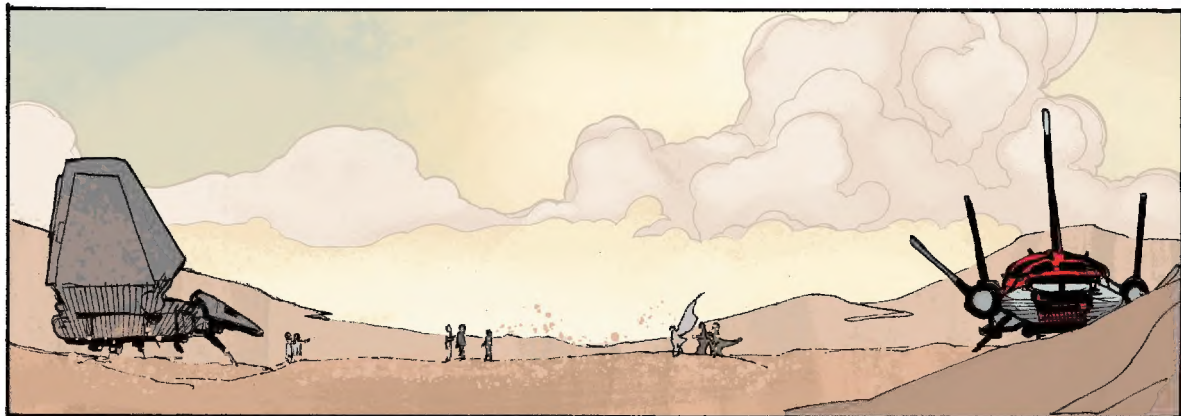
DON'T SAY
"SOMETHING."
WHAT'S IT LOOK
LIKE?

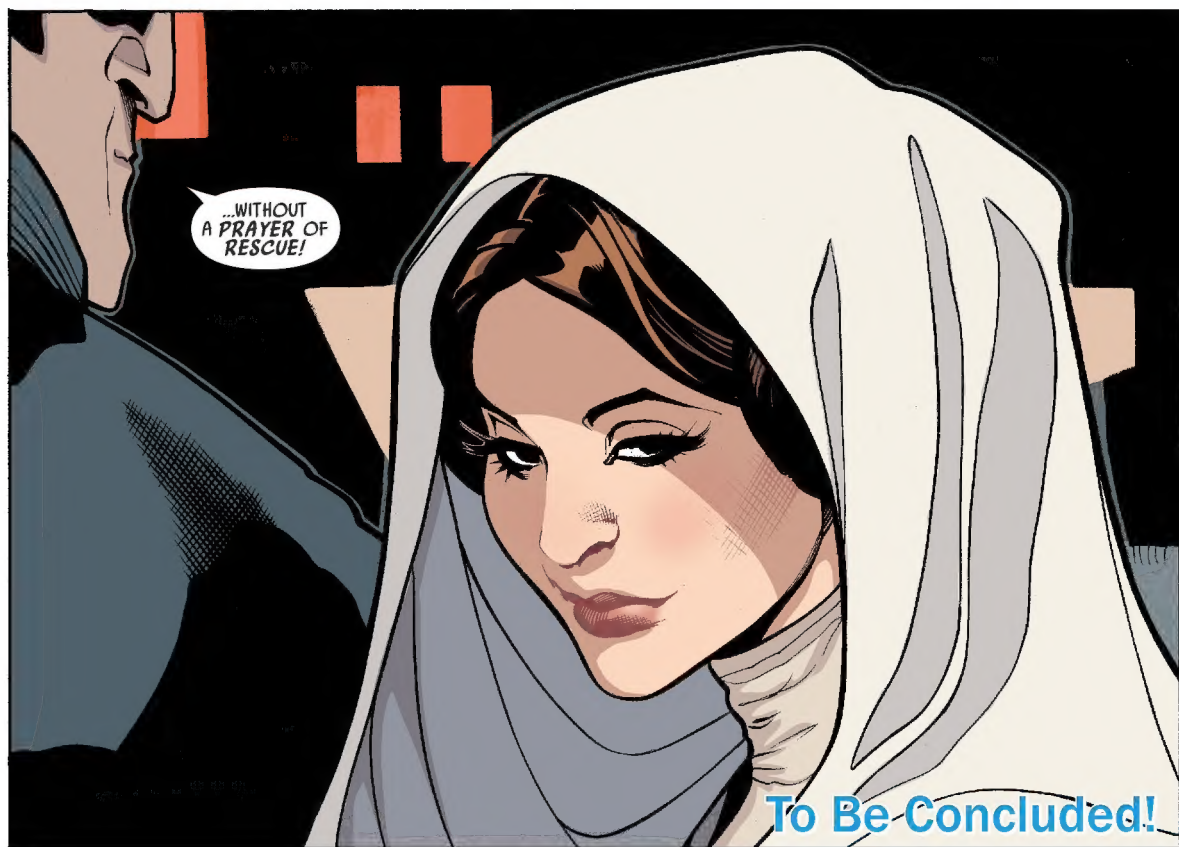
I DON'T KNOW.
A METEOR
SHOWER,
OR--



--A LOT
OF SHIPS.







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